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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, BDIS (SAHEKI, AKIRA)

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CITIZEN

REF: SEOUL 6546 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN VIEW OF YOUR REPORT THAT A DETERMINATION ON SAHEKI MAY TAKE AN ADDITIONAL TEN DAYS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO EXPRESS IN STRONGER TERMS OUR CONCERN TO THE ROKG OVER THE HANDLING OF THIS MATTER OUTSIDE OF NORMAL TRADE DISPUTE CHANNELS. THE RECENT DEATH OF MR. SAHEKI'S PARTNER ADDS A DEGREE OF URGENCY TO HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN CONTINUE TO POUR IN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING A SPECIFIC REQUEST TODAY FROM CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN THAT THE EMBASSY IN SEOUL MAKE A HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH ON SAHEKI'S BEHALF.

2. WE HAVE CONSISTANTLY EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO THE ROK EMBASSY HERE, AND THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS DIRECT APPEALS FROM CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS, GOVERNORS, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. FYI: YESTERDAY, WE INFORMED ROK CONGEN THAT OUR CONCERN HAD REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE WERE CONSIDERING MAKING SOME OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION TO THE ROKG. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING LANGUAGE FOR A NOTE TO BE DELIVERED BY THE EMBASSY IN SEOUL.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE ONE FINAL INFORMAL APPEAL, AT

THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL, FOR A SPEEDY RESOLUTION
OF THIS MATTER BEFORE DELIVERY OF A NOTE VERBALE.

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